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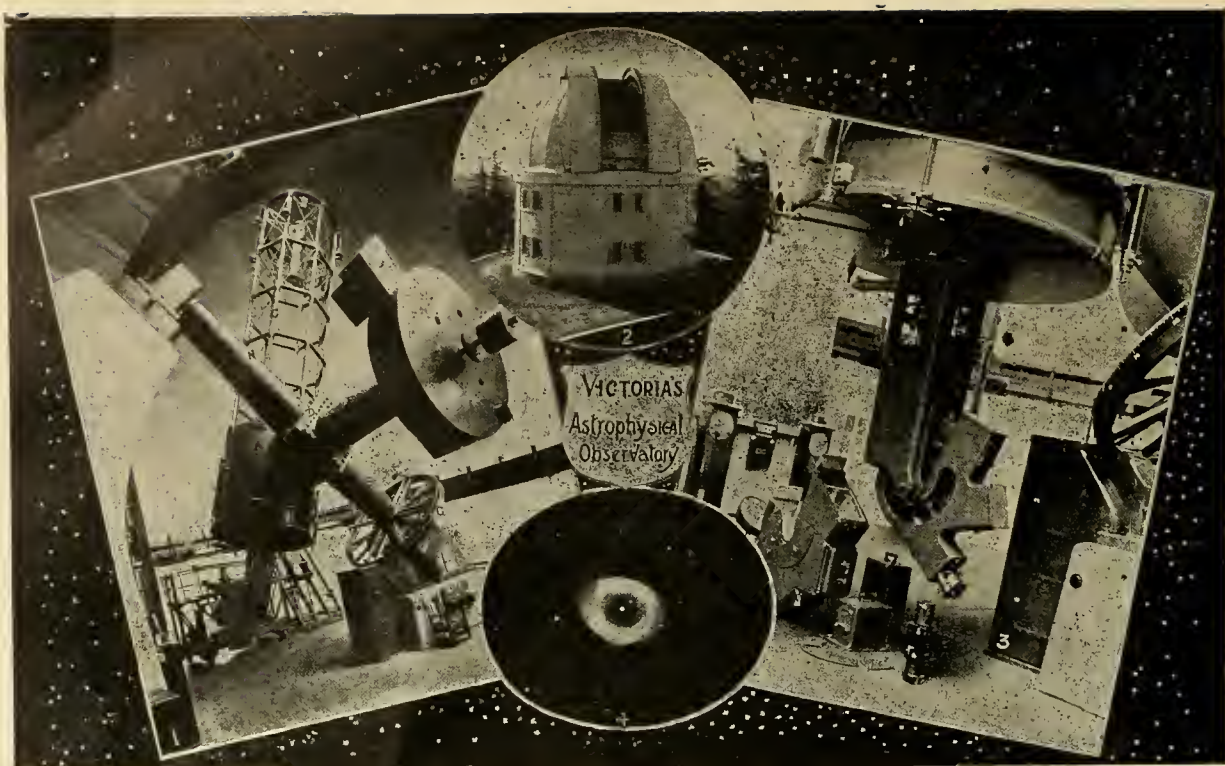


Parliament Buildings and Inner Harbour Victoria, B. C.

A NATURALIZED SPANISH ADVENTURER by the name of Juan de Fuca is reported to have sailed into the Straits of Juan de Fuca, named in his honor, in the year A. D. 1592.

Nearly two hundred years later, in 1775, Quadra and Heceta visited the shores of this Island, and in 1778 Captain Cook displayed the British flag in these waters.

In 1792 Captain George Vancouver circumnavigated the Island completely, and it has been known as Vancouver Island since British supremacy was established in 1818. It remained a separate Crown Colony until 1866, when it was united with the Mainland of British Columbia, Victoria being selected as the capital.



View of Golf Course near Victoria



Thunderbird Park, Victoria, B. C.



Children's Playmates at
Shelter Point



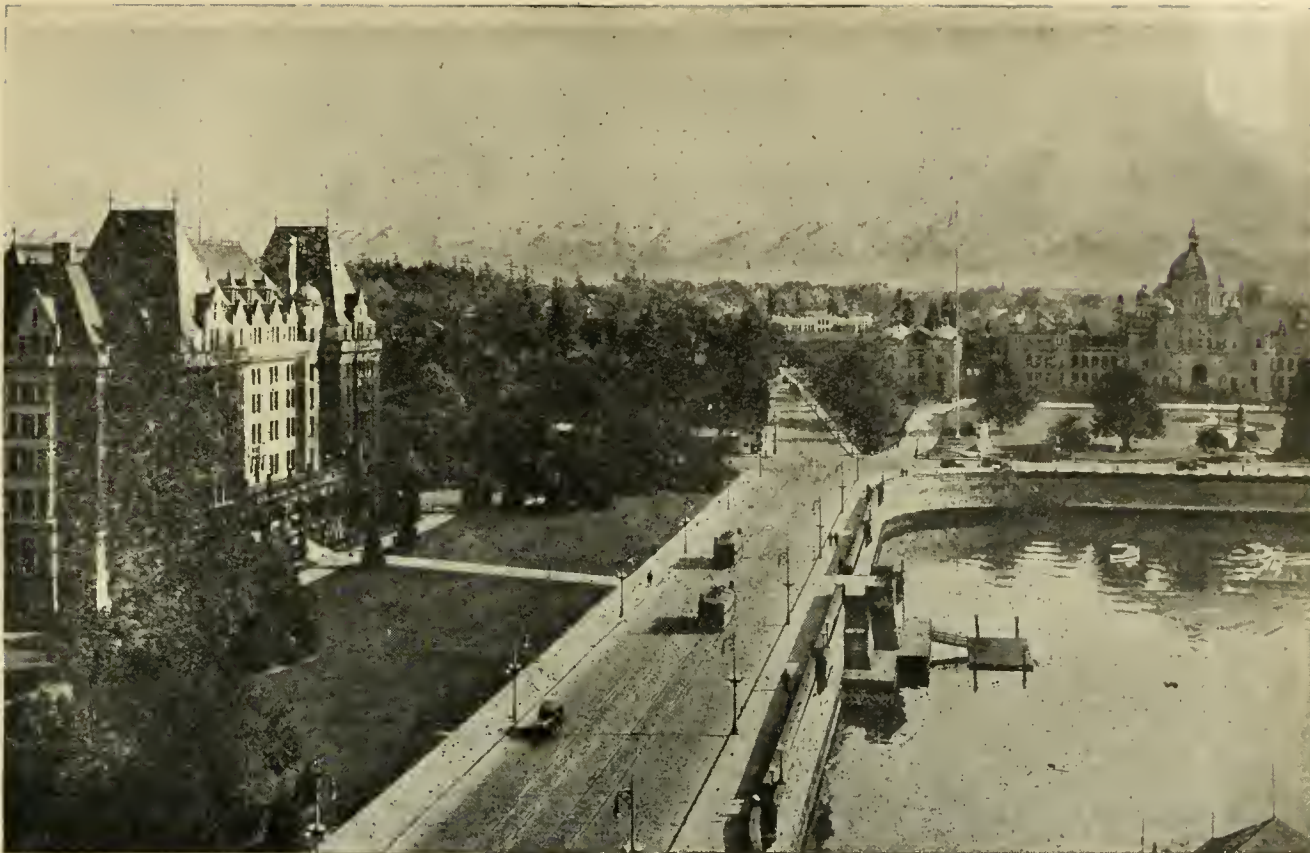


Butchart's Gardens



Salmon Catch, Vancouver Island





Empress Hotel and Parliament Buildings, Victoria



Vancouver Island, The Tourists' Paradise



Bulb Farm on Vancouver Island



Strawberry Growing, V. I.



Inner Harbour, Victoria

Touring North on Beautiful Vancouver Island Over the Scenic Island Highway

LEAVING VICTORIA, one follows Douglas Street until it's junction with Government Street where one turns Northwest into the Gorge Road, passing the old Craigflower School, which contains a small museum, just before crossing Craigflower Bridge, which marks the beginning of the Island Highway proper.

A few miles further is Parsons Bridge, affording a fine view of Esquimalt Harbour, Canada's Pacific naval base. About two miles further one turns right, passing on the left the world famous Colwood Golf Course, and shortly thereafter one beholds a very pretty view of Langford Lake in between the trees and cottages bordering it's shores. At Goldstream one enters upon the famous Malahat Drive, from where the traveller may enjoy several glorious views of Finlayson Arm, far below, and in season the eye may feast on endless masses of broom, closely bordering the road. Also, in the distance, the outlines of Salt Spring Island and numerous smaller Islands dotting the Gulf of Georgia. The summit of the Malahat Drive is 1,250 feet above sea level.

The road becomes level with Finlayson Arm at Mill Bay, terminus of the Mill Bay Ferry, on which one may embark at Brentwood, on the Saanich Peninsula, if one wishes to take a shortcut by avoiding the Malahat Drive when going north. Then passing through the Indian rancherie built at the entrance to the City of Duncan, a most pleasant little town, with a very English atmosphere.

Continuing North one passes through Chemainus, noted for it's large sawmill and lumber exports, and Ladysmith, a coal mining town, with a beautiful harbour. A few miles beyond Ladysmith the road forks, both branches leading to Nanaimo, the right fork giving a very fine view of Nanaimo River.

And so the traveller enters Nanaimo, principal coal mining centre of Vancouver Island, built above a beautiful bay screened by Gabriola Island Like Victoria, Nanaimo found it's origin in a Hudson's Bay Company fort, of which the historic bastion still remains. Immediately beyond Nanaimo is Wellington, another coal town, and further on charming Nanoose Bay.

Progressing further one passes through Parksville, which boasts a fine stretch of sandy beach, and here the Alberni road branches left from the Island Highway. A demarche to the Alberni is well worth while, as the road leads through some very impressive scenery, affording a magnificent view of Cameron Lake, lodged austere among tall firs and cedars. The two towns of Alberni and Port Alberni are situated where the Somass River enters the Alberni Canal, and repose in the shadow of the huge bulk of snow-capped Mount Arrowsmith. From Alberni one can reach Sproat Lake, Great Central Lake, and Stamp Falls, where one may watch the salmon leaping. Returning from the Alberni one may turn left below Cameron Lake so as to return directly to the Island Highway which is reached again at Qualicum Beach.

The clean firm sands of the long main beach at Qualicum make it the finest on the Island, and the wonderful vista of the mainland mountain peaks behind Lasqueti, Texada, Hornby and Denman Islands adds to the pleasure of reclining on it's sands. Continuing North from Qualicum one passes Union Bay and Royston, with a pleasant view of Comox Harbour fronting Comox on the farther shore.

And so one reaches Courtenay, a brisk little city, from where a side road winds it's way left towards Cumberland and Comox Lake, while the main road turns sharply right, crossing the picturesque Puntledge, and presently affording a splendid view of Comox Valley and further away the majestic grandeur of the eternal snow on the mountains around the Forbidden Plateau.

After some more mileage one enters the shade of the tall trees at Oyster River, which is the last important settlement before reaching Campbell River, of world renown as headquarters of the Tyee Club, where fish usually encountered in fish stories only are actually caught with rod and reel. From Campbell River a road bordered by heavy timber leads to the famous and spectacular Elk Falls, reached by a short side trip of two miles, and also to Forbes Landing.



Surfboard Riding at Shawnigan Lake



Shawnigan Lake



Beautiful Cowichan Bay, V. I.



Shawnigan Lake, V. I.



Scenic View, V. I.



Old Stone Church, Cowichan Bay, V. I.



Salt Spring Island Golf Course



*Ferry Landing at Fulford Bay
Salt Spring Island*

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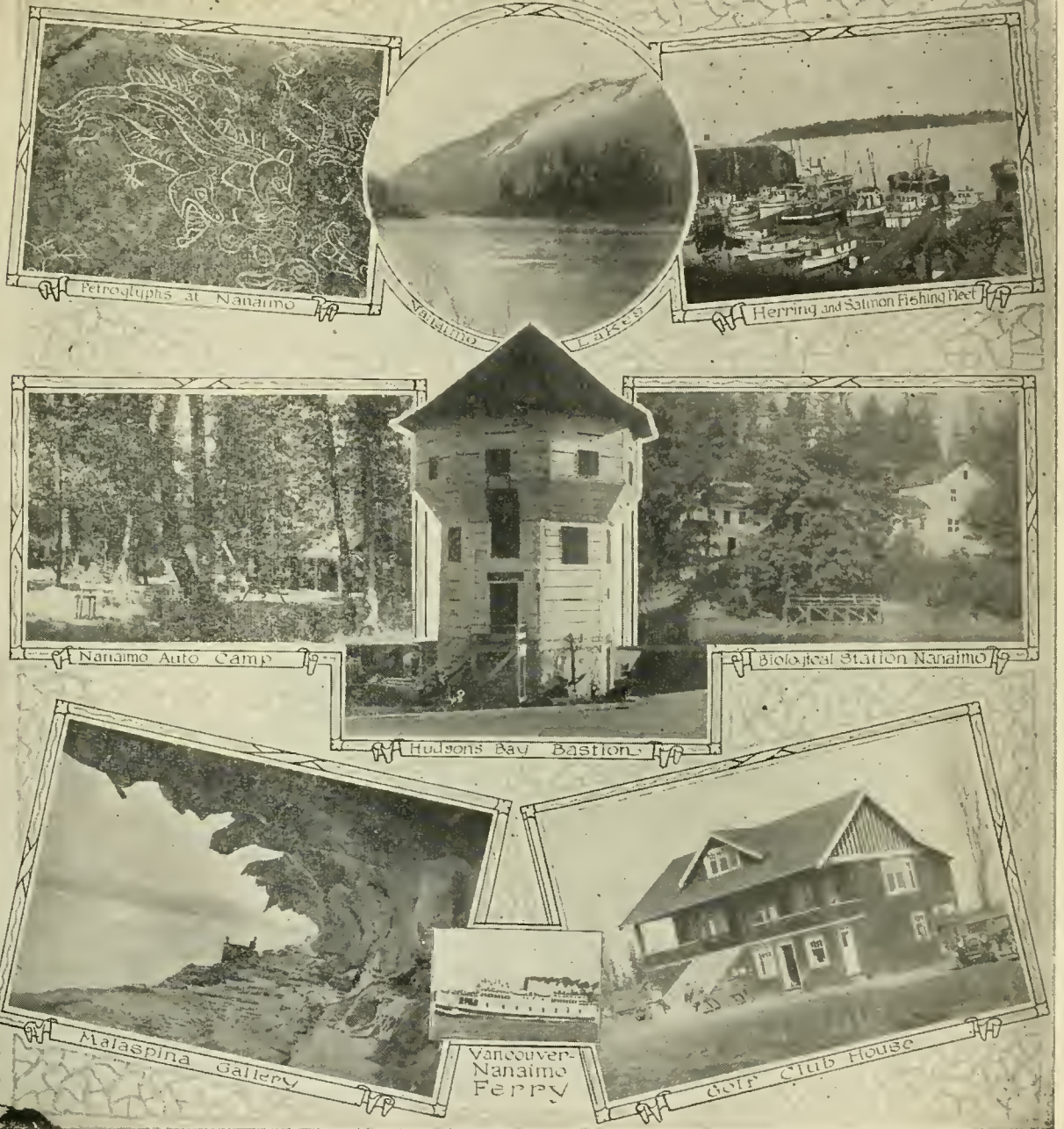
Largest of the Gulf Islands, noted for their remarkably sunny climate as an ideal summer and winter resort. The Island boasts eleven lakes and over 100 miles of good motoring roads. The many beautiful coves and tiny inlets provide a wonderful refuge, where small yachts come and go and where bathers during the summer delight in the clean, sandy beaches.

The sportsman and vacationist will find excellent fishing and hunting: bass, trout, grouse, pheasant, quail and deer being abundant.



*View of Courts and Harbour
Harbour House, Salt Spring Island*

In and Around Nanaimo



Departure Bay, Nanaimo, V. I.



Nanaimo Harbour, V. I.



Fishermen's Paradise, Vancouver Island



Totem Pole, Nanaimo, V. I.



A Real Catch at Parksville Beach, V. I.



Little Qualicum River, V. I.



Buttles Lake, Vancouver Island



Qualicum Bay, V. I.



Falls at Buttes Lake, V. I.



Beautiful Qualicum Beach



Buttle Lake



Myra Falls, Buttle Lake



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An Indian Medicine Man



*On Mount Arrowsmith
Near Port Alberni, V. I.*



*Cameron Lake
on Road to Port Alberni*



Menzies Falls, V. I.



Somass River, Near Alberni, V. I.



*Lake in the Clouds on Forbidden Plateau,
Near Courtenay, V. I.*



*A Batch of Trout Caught at
Courtenay*



Comox Glacier



Reflection on the Forbidden Plateau



*The Comox Glacier
near Courtenay, V. I.*



Castle Mountain, Forbidden Plateau



Scenic Vancouver Island



Beach at Courtenay



Elk Falls, V. I.



Comox Lake, V. I.



The Lookout, Malahat Drive



A Beauty Spot on V. I.



Forbidden Plateau, Countenay, V. I.



A Good Catch at Campbell River



A Big One



Another Big One



The Willows, Campbell River, Vancouver Island Fisherman's Paradise
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View on Vancouver Island



*Butchart's Garden, Saanich Peninsula,
Near Victoria*



Campbell River

Bulb Growing on Vancouver Island

An Expanding Industry

EVERYONE HAS HEARD of the famous bulb fields of Holland, which extend their myriad colours for miles and miles along the sand dunes bordering the North Sea, and which have caused a steady stream of money to flow into that little country from abroad during the last three hundred years. However, few people realize that the climate and soil of Vancouver Island offer conditions which are probably even more ideal for cultivating bulbs profitably.

The Province of British Columbia alone has imported an average of nearly 3,000,000 bulbs annually during the past few years, which is only about ten percent of the total Canadian bulb imports from abroad. This demonstrates conclusively that a wonderful opportunity offers itself here for the more intelligent type of small farmer, as one acre of good soil is amply sufficient to commence bulb farming with about 20,000 bulbs, which, if sold to the retail trade, affords a comfortable living, and an ideal occupation for those who would like to retire on Vancouver Island, without wishing to be entirely idle.



There are several thousand varieties of gladioli, and several hundred varieties of tulips, and these offer a splendid field for the grower to establish himself as an expert in two or three different varieties, cultivating therefrom new creations, which may embody tremendous possibilities for profit if they should happen to strike the fancy of the public. Depending on the variety, bulbs will multiply from two to sixty percent per year, and can be purchased in prices ranging from \$8.00 to \$80.00 per

thousand. A very profitable shipping market exists for bulbs all through the Prairie Provinces, and points east as far as Nova Scotia, and it is interesting to note that the Canadian Trade Commissioners in the Orient have drawn the attention of the Canadian horticulturists to the fact that a splendid market could be captured there, owing to the circumstances that the Vancouver Island climate permits of having bulbs ready for export about a month before the Dutch bulbs are ready, which, in addition to the shorter shipping route from Western Canada, would create a tremendous advantage over competitors from Holland, in invading this market.

The publishers believe that many persons, having perused this article thus far, and undoubtedly having conceived a favourable impression of Vancouver Island in general from the information and photographs contained in this publication, may be struck by the very sensible thought that they would like to escape from the worries, caused elsewhere in the world by economic conditions, by settling down to the peace of a simple life in this ideal country, provided they could feel assured of a steady dependable income.



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Finlayson Arm from the Malabat Drive



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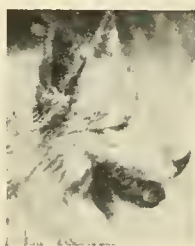
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